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IMPORTANT NOTICE

UFOR has moved to a permanent location. The new address is 3122 N. Beachwood Dr., Los Angeles, Calif. 90068. We wish to take this opportunity to extend to all our readers best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

WORLDWIDE SIGHTING REPORTS CONTINUE

Occupants; UFOs that were tracked on radar, caused physiological and electro-magnetic (E-M) effects, left behind physical evidence, paced jet aircraft, frightened witnesses, emitted odors and sounds, landed and took off; objects that paced a car and a truck; others that were photographed, filmed and caused animal reactions; a tree that was "bent down to earth" and "bathed in [a] white light" by a UFO; an object that executed 90-degree turns at "extraordinary speeds"; another that left a "fog in the road"; UFOs that illuminated trees, the ground, lit up "telephone poles and wires" and shone a light beam through a window; an object that left behind "a high level of radioactivity"; another that veered "away from a streak of lightning"; and a car that chased UFOs at speeds up to 90 m.p.h. are characteristics of sighting reports from at least 11 states and four foreign countries during the period March-November. Witnesses include a pilot, control tower operators, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials, police, a retired U.S. Navy navigator, military personnel, a yacht club commodore, a television crew, a newspaper publisher and a newspaper editor.

Because of the large amount of information, the reports will be listed in capsule form, with all pertinent information intact.

The Eastern Seaboard

● March 27. About 8 p.m. Monroeton-Orwell Hill-Towanda-Wysox, Pa., areas. A woman in Wysox said she and her family observed "four white lights in a straight line," according to the Towanda *Daily Review*, March 28, 1975. A short time later, a Towanda woman also saw the lights fly over Bridge St. Hill. Then the UFOs "appeared to have split, two going in one direction and the other two in another direction." At about 9:00, Robert Bosler and his girl friend observed the objects on Orwell Hill. Bosler "flashed his car lights on and off in sequences of three to see if he could signal the lights." Suddenly, "a flat-type craft, about the width of the moon, came directly toward them." Three of the lights on the UFO were close together while the fourth was farther away, "much dimmer and having an orange-like tint." The object, which flew from east to southwest, "disappeared a couple of times." A Monroeton resident also spotted the lights and added "he may have heard a humming noise, but he wasn't sure."

● April 22. Approximately 10:30 p.m. Near Renovo, Pa. Delmar ("Happy") Werts, Jr., Jeff Tomko, William McDonald and William Mainguth, working on a strip mining operation for the Anderson Creek Coal and Clay Co. on top the North Side Mountain, observed a UFO. The square-shaped object with red lights hovered at times and moved erratically. It circled the mountain, then headed for the television tower on the peak, where it extinguished its red lights "and directed a bright light down on the TV tower." The UFO was seen for about 15 minutes. In the Westport area, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Pratz saw the same or a similar object on

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the same evening. (Sources: *Renovo Daily Record*, April 23, 1975; Lock Haven, Pa., *Express*, April 24, 1975; and the Altoona, Pa., *Mirror*, April 25, 1975).

● October 8. 4 a.m. Near East Lansdowne, Pa. Police Sgt. Michael Romano and his partner, Michael Baldassarre, and numerous other witnesses observed a light in the Delaware County sky. "It was pretty bright, with flares from either side," Romano said. "It seemed to spin, rotate. It would go up and down and crosswise and in a circular motion." (Sources: the October 9, 1975, editions of *The Bradford (Pa.) Era* and the *Erie (Pa.) Morning News*).

● July 5. Just after midnight. Near Mountain Lakes, N.J. Tom Cahill and Jane Tiger were driving west on Route 46 when they observed a grayish-green UFO approximately 30 feet in diameter, stated the July 7 and 14, 1975, editions of *The Herald-News*. The object flew, hovered, then disappeared to the north. At about the same time, police dispatchers in Parsippany said their radios experienced E-M effects, which cleared up after the object left the area. A private pilot approaching the Caldwell-Wright Airport in Fairfield also reportedly saw the UFO along with witnesses in Fair Lawn, Ft. Lee, Nutley and Paterson.

● June 16. 12:22 a.m. Greensboro, N.C. "A businessman, his wife and a girl staying with them" saw a UFO emitting an "off-white glow" that was about 50 feet across, according to the June 20, 1975, edition of *The Greensboro Record*. The observers watched the object "come straight down out of a cloud." After hovering, moving up and down and landing, it "came back up and went back down again. Then its lights went off." Dr. Arlan K. Andrews, an investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), and Ray Collins, a member of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), investigated and found that grass and weeds had been partially flattened "in a circular manner."

● June 24. 9:45 a.m. Near Kinston, N.C. An unidentified observer saw two gray, cigar-shaped UFOs that were pacing a jet aircraft to the south. "The object on the right sped up and stayed in front of the jet for about 10 seconds and then veered to the left and vanished," the man reported in the June 25, 1975, edition of the *Kinston Daily Free Press*. "The other stayed right beside it."

● July 17. Shortly after midnight. Near Level Cross, N.C. Donald Hall and his son, Ronald, heard "a beeping, whistling, roaring and humming sound" over their home. Investigating, they saw a bluish-green, oval-shaped object with a revolving light that was "as large as a house trailer flying about 300 feet above the ground," stated the July 18, 1975, editions of the *Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal* and the *Elkin, N.C., Tribune*. The UFO flew toward the Ararat River and appeared to land in a swamp area. As it landed, "there was a sound like a jet's engine cutting off." Dogs in the area were highly agitated during the sighting.

● August 20. About 9 p.m. Jonesville, N.C. Larry Simpson and his cousin, Ronnie Anthony, saw an oval-shaped object "the size of a large car" circle over a wooded area. The UFO "was red with a headlight on the front and red lights around its side," stated the *Winston-Salem Journal*, August 22, 1975. The object emitted "a low humming noise" and, as it circled, "two street lights nearby cut off." Rachele Ford, a neighbor of Simpson, said the UFO landed in front of her home.

● August 16. Around 12:20 a.m. Ladson, S.C. Ty Simmons and his family were returning home from a movie when a "strange light hovered over the car... and then fled at an unbelievable rate of speed." While over the car, "it made a sort of humming noise." The UFO "left some kind of fog in the road" as it disappeared and frightened the witnesses. Other observers included Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Simmons, Jr., and Laton Wright, stated the *Summerville, S.C., Scene*, August 18, 1975.

● August 31. Around 8:30 p.m. Greer, S.C. Mike Campbell and Brian Mosteller were jogging when they saw "a bright white light" at about 2,000 feet altitude. "I showed it

to my friend and, right when he looked at it, the action started," Campbell explained in the Greenville, S.C., *Piedmont*, September 1, 1975. "It stopped, and two smaller lights started moving around it. It lasted about eight seconds, and the little lights cut out. Then it moved on toward Greenville."

● April 6. Between 4 and 5 a.m. Near Bonifay, Fla. State Highway Patrolman E.L. McNeill saw "a bright light which moved in an irregular pattern." The trooper said the UFO "shot upward, stopped, repeated the pattern and then dropped to ground level," stated the Panama City, Fla., *News-Herald*, April 25, 1975.

● April 21. Ponce de Leon, Fla. At 2 a.m., James Townsend, who operates a dairy farm, and his family observed a "real bright," egg-shaped UFO "the size of a table" that "faded to the size of a basketball as it rose." "It... headed northeast and then headed northwest and out of sight," Townsend remarked. "That thing blew out all the lights in my barn and some of the lights in my house. We were all frightened by it and still are." That evening, Holmes County Deputy Sheriffs Zane Farr and James Abbott, who had been monitoring calls from area residents reporting UFOs, searched for the object in separate patrol cars. "I observed a bright object in the sky and proceeded to follow the object," Abbott related. "It was flying in some sort of zig-zag pattern and kept changing colors, from red to green to amber to white. From my vantage point it looked like a large basketball..." About 15 miles away, Farr and others also saw the object, which changed colors and was "about twice the size of a basketball." It disappeared in a "zig-zag pattern" to the northwest. "It was like something I have never seen before," Farr said. "We had women crying and screaming at the top of their voices." Several minutes later, the UFO was seen over Bonifay, 18 miles away, by eight witnesses, including police. Both Eglin Air Force (AF) Base and Ft. Rucker, Ala., officials said they had nothing in the air at the time of the sightings that could account for the object. (Sources: the April 23, 1975, editions of the Ft. Walton, Fla., *Playground News*, the Bradenton, Fla., *Herald*, and the Chipley, Fla., *Panhandle Banner*; and the April 27, 1975, edition of the *Playground News*).

● June 18. 6 a.m. Naples, Fla. Frank Garcia was fishing when he saw "a huge disc moving across the sky with silver smoke trailing from it." "At least 20 other people on the pier saw it, too," he said in the June 18, 1975, edition of the *Naples News*. "I called the police, but they said it was probably just a falling star. Whoever saw a falling star giving off silver smoke?"

● June 18. 9:45 p.m. Homestead AF Base, Fla. Two UFOs were tracked on radar. "We spotted two objects traveling at about 240 knots," Capt. Joseph Walters said in the *Miami* (Fla.) *News*, June 19, 1975. "They were on the screen for about 15 seconds." Two other witnesses visually observed the same objects. "There were two cylindrical streaks, just oblong, moving across the sky," stated Joyce Farkwell.

● July 6. Shortly after midnight and approximately 8:25 p.m. Pensacola, Fla. Ed Gillette, assistant chief of the FAA radar flight control tower at Naval Air Station Sherman Field, observed a UFO. "I was... only a few blocks from my home when I saw a bright light move at tremendous speed across the sky in a direct eastern line of flight," he stated in the July 8, 1975, edition of the *Pensacola News*. "I watched it for 30-40 seconds before it passed beyond my field of vision.... This thing looked... like a blowtorch light..." About a dozen other witnesses reported seeing mysterious objects over the Grand Lagoon Yacht Club the evening before. Shortly after midnight on the 6th, six couples reportedly saw two objects. James Clancy, commodore of the yacht club, said the objects "were moving and darting around like no airplane or anything any of us had ever seen before." "When they moved slowly and steadily in a straight line, it was not anything that would particularly get your attention," Clancy remarked in the *Pensacola Journal*, July 8, 1975. "But then they would shoot off in one direction, up or down, or to either side, moving at unbelievable speed and angles. When they accelerated around fast, they left behind a trail of light like a comet." Mrs. Chesley Severns was fishing when she saw the UFO execute 90-degree turns and fly at "extraordinary speeds." "I noticed this thing at the end of my fishing pole," she said. "Although it was a hazy night, we could see it well because of its brilliance. And it maneuvered more than anything I've ever seen -- from north to south and from east to west. Then another one began moving." The witness alerted Charles Fillio, a retired U.S. Navy navigator, who viewed the phenomenon through binoculars.

Denise Woltzen said the objects moved "in a pattern, up and down and from side to side" until 2 a.m. Mrs. John Bethune said she saw a red light near the mouth of the Gulf of Mexico "that would extinguish and reappear at intervals." Additional witnesses viewed the mysterious lights until 3 a.m.

- July 13. Evening. Live Oak, Fla. Selvin Cray and his young son, Chuckie, observed a UFO that lit up the area around their home "in a pink light." The object, estimated to be more than 200 feet in diameter, descended to just above some cornstalks 500 feet away. "It was so bright you could hardly look at it," Cray remarked in the July 16, 1975, edition of the Live Oak *Independent Post*. The UFO hovered over the cornfield, moved, hovered, moved and hovered again. "It was glowing so brightly it looked like the trees were on fire," the witness continued. The object moved again, dimmed and disappeared. Cray said it apparently attempted to conceal itself, hovering twice behind some trees.

- July 22. Evening. Live Oak, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Miller Mitchell were sitting in their yard when they saw a red object descend from the east "at an incredible speed." "It... looked like it was heading for the back yard," Mitchell related in the July 30, 1975, edition of the *Independent Post*. Stopping abruptly, the UFO hovered above the highway. Then it "split into two distinct units." One hovered while the other descended to about 500 feet over the house next door. Each object was approximately 40 feet long and 18-20 feet wide. Both had two red, flickering lights and "emitted a very bright, reddish-pink glow." Then the lowest object descended again and the witnesses thought it was going to land in their yard. "When the lower unit continued to drop, I decided to get my family out of there," Mitchell related. As Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell jumped into their pickup truck, "the object retreated very rapidly." The witnesses reached the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson. They saw the UFO again, "making wide sweeping circles in the western sky." It split in two again, one moving south and circling, "the other circling in the northwest." The objects then rejoined and continued circling as one object. Then it shot off at "a tremendous rate of speed" and disappeared. The observers heard a vibrating sound and detected an odor of sulfur.

The Midwest

- April 3. Approximately 9 p.m. Near Lake Centralia, Ill. Mrs. Lola Donoho and her 18-year old son, Steve, were driving when Steve saw a "bright, shining thing" that looked like it was "as big as a car." Flashing blue, red and green lights from the UFO illuminated a field. The witnesses drove home, where Mrs. Donoho's husband, Loren, and her daughter also saw the object. Then two more UFOs rose from a field and began playing tag with the third object, "flashing lights and revolving." Two more UFOs were seen higher up. "They would meet each other and then go away, separating completely, with one of them in the north, south and every direction, and then they would come back together," Mrs. Donoho explained in the April 4, 1975, edition of the Centralia *Evening Sentinel*. "You could see them stop in the sky and then glow green and move toward each other. It was very weird." At about 11:00, the UFOs "seemed to disappear in different directions."

- July 26. Evening. Near Des Plaines, Ill. Tony Mietus, two friends and witnesses in "about a dozen other cars" observed a UFO. They saw two lights, each around five feet in diameter "at the edges of the saucer." Another light about 10 feet in diameter was halfway between the others. Then the lights tilted and "settled lower." "I thought the thing was going to land on the houses below and that shook me," Mietus reported in the Des Plaines *Journal*, July 31, 1975. The lights suddenly "went off and a row of lights 'about the size of a softball' came on, flashing brighter in rotation along the row." Then they ascended and "floated" to the north. Mietus stomped down on the accelerator and chased them at speeds up to 90 m.p.h., but the UFO "floated away so that it was over the horizon in a few seconds."

- September 12. About 4:05 a.m. Farmington, Minn. At least seven police officers watched UFOs, stated the September 18, 1975, edition of the Farmington *Tribune*. Officer Mark Tarmann first saw a bright blue object above the trees that moved in a circle, then up and down." Then he saw another, equally bright UFO in the north. The bottom UFO "went up to the top object, where it remained for an instant and then went back down to its original position." Tarmann made contact with another officer, Tom Ingram, and both saw the lower object again meet the higher UFO and descend. The police dispatcher contacted FAA officials, who

also saw the objects. Meanwhile, law enforcement officers from Eagan, Lakeville, Rosemount, and two state troopers joined the witnesses. All watched "as the bottom object moved slowly around." The UFOs, "beginning to depart," were joined by an orange-white object, "shaped like the head of a bullet," that streaked from the southwest to the northeast. As the UFO "passed by the other objects, they all disappeared."



UFO photograph, near
Farmington, Minn.,
September 22, 1975

(Courtesy: Tribune)

● September 22. 4:30 a.m. Near Farmington, Minn. Police Officers Dan Churchill and Brent Moody, Deputy Sheriff Gary McCloud and Eugene Clay, a newspaper editor, saw and photographed two UFOs that "changed color, from blue to orange and to red" and "moved, swung back and forth and up and down," stated the *Tribune*, September 25, 1975. The photographs "were made with camera on a tripod and with a 300 mm telephoto lens at a 15-second exposure." (See photo, left).

The Southwest

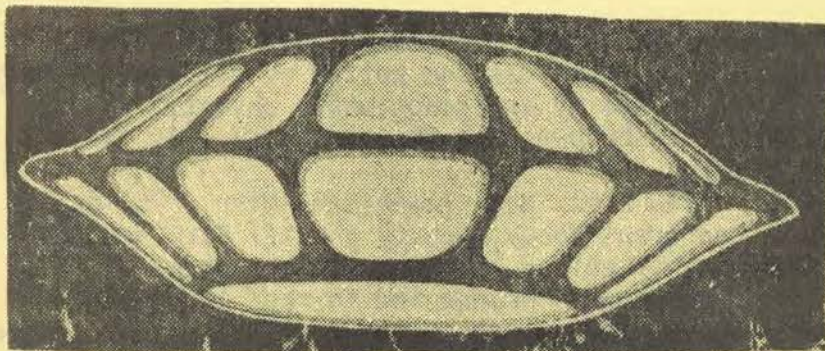
● July 5. Dawn. Near Larned, Kans. Mrs. Frederick Boxberger and her aunt, Kathryn Black, were driving when they observed a funnel-shaped, "dazzling bright" object "like shining aluminum" that flew from west to east. "It went right over our car and was real close..." Mrs. Boxberger stated in the *Russell (Kans.) Daily News*, July 7, 1975. "We... thought it was going to hit us." The witness said the UFO was "as big or larger than their car, moving at a high rate of speed and close to the ground." Then it "just went up and disappeared." Mrs. Boxberger explained the air conditioning unit in her car ceased to function as the object passed over the automobile. She added her eyes and those of Ms. Black "hurt and were 'blurry' all day."

● June 26. Evening. North of Olustee, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris were driving when the headlights on their pickup truck "began blinking inexplicably," stated the *Altus, Okla., Times-Democrat*, June 27, 1975. The couple saw one large and one small light. The E-M effects to the truck cleared up after the objects left the area. Another witness, Mike Jenkins, also saw the UFOs, according to police.

● May 5, 12-14. About 9:45 p.m., 2:55 a.m. and evening. Sedona, Ariz. Mrs. Esther Beardsley, her son, John, and daughter, Kathy, heard a "very loud humming sound" at about 9:45 p.m., May 5. Going outside, they saw a "tremendous" white light in the sky. At 2:55 a.m., May 12, Mrs. Beardsley and John heard a loud "whirring" noise. Looking out of a window, they saw "a large willow tree in the back yard bent down to earth, as if by a tremendous wind; and bathed in [a] white light." "It was like a searchlight," Mrs. Beardsley explained in the June 14, 1975, edition of the *Flagstaff, Ariz., Daily Sun*, "but we couldn't see the source of the light. It was weird." The light disappeared but reappeared about 3:30. Mrs. Beardsley called the Coconino County Sheriff's substation and the dispatcher heard the sound over the phone. The Beardsleys also saw the object on May 13 and 14. On the evening of the 14th, they saw the baton-shaped UFO, with a green light on one end and a red light on the other, glide "very gracefully" over Airport Mountain. The object approached the Beardsley home and the witnesses saw a dome. Then the UFO stopped and emitted a white light beam that "began sweeping the area." Mrs. Beardsley yelled for her son and daughter to run back into the house and "the object retracted its light and flew off in the opposite direction." Mrs. Beardsley said her telephone was inoperable for 30 minutes after the sighting.

● August 19. Shortly after midnight. Near Picacho, Ariz. Mary L. Ingwalson and another woman observed "a long, luminous, cigar-shaped object" in the southwest "at a 30-degree angle above the horizon," according to the August 28, 1975, edition of the *Eloy, Ariz., Enterprise*. The women and other witnesses on I-10 watched the UFO make "jerking motions, up and down and sideways." It accelerated "to a high rate of speed across the highway" and landed or hovered just above the ground about 500 feet to the east of the highway, "lighting up telephone poles and wires."

● November 5. Around 6:10 p.m. Near Heber, Ariz. Travis Walton and six forest service employees who were thinning trees saw a saucer hovering about 25 feet off the ground. The UFO was 15-20 feet in diameter and about eight feet high. (See sketch, top, p. 6). According to the other witnesses, Walton was "zapped" by a bluish ray from the object after he



Sketch by Mike Rogers, a witness to the Heber, Ariz., incident, November 5, 1975

(Courtesy: The Albuquerque Tribune)

Jumped from the truck and ran toward the UFO. The other witnesses, thoroughly frightened, fled. They returned 15 minutes later, but both Walton and the UFO were gone. Five days later, Walton's brother, Duane, found him huddling in a phone booth in Heber. Meanwhile, five of the six others took and passed polygraph tests (the sixth test was inconclusive). Then Travis Walton himself surfaced and revealed a startling, bizarre story of being abducted on board the UFO. He said he did not remember being struck by the blue light but did recall being "hit on

the head." When he awoke, he was lying on a table and was being examined by five-foot-tall creatures with domed foreheads, dressed in blue coveralls and with no hair. One of the occupants was wearing "a clear helmet." Then Walton was led into a "planetarium" and a hangar containing three smaller saucers. The next thing he remembered was lying on a road just outside Heber and watching a spacecraft speed away. Navajo County Sheriff Marlin Gillespie confirmed the witness appeared tired and had a heavy beard. Walton, at last report, is being subjected to hypnosis. (Sources: the November 11, 1975, edition of the *Las Vegas (Nev.) Sun*; the November 12, 1975, editions of the *Sun*, the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and the *Los Angeles (Calif.) Herald-Examiner*; the November 13, 1975, edition of the *Review-Journal*; a CBS News interview with Walton, November 26, 1975; and the November 27, 1975, edition of *The Albuquerque (N.M.) Tribune*).

- August 27 and September 1. Approximately 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Near Hollister, Calif. Henry Sumaya and nine others observed an object with "red, green and white lights flashing" that emitted "a 'roaring' sound." "It turned, circled, headed east and returned a short time later, coming down so its lights flashed on the house," the witness remarked in the September 3, 1975, edition of the *Hollister Free Lance*. "It moved up, down and sideways." The following evening, Sumaya and eight others saw the same or a similar object that emitted "a buzzing sound."

Canada

- On or about May 10. 4:15 a.m. Morden, Manitoba. Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hildebrand were rudely awakened by the sound of dogs barking in their yard and "a bright white light coming through their bedroom window," said the *Stonewall, Manitoba, Argus*, May 28, 1975. They saw a glowing light resting on the ground near a clump of trees. Later that morning, the witnesses inspected the landing site and observed four rectangular holes one to one and a half inches in size "pressed down about three inches in the ground." The holes were about 20 inches apart.

- May 13. About 11:30 p.m. Graysville, Manitoba. Howard Bennett, publisher of the *Carman (Manitoba) Dufferin-Leader*; Kerry McKintyre, a staff member; and Ted Storey observed a UFO take off from a farm. The object was 50-75 feet in diameter. A nearby CKY-TV crew, including reporter Bill Kendrick, also saw the UFO and filmed it. The television film showed the object hovering just above the ground, rising and, "with a flash of light," ascend "at an incredibly high rate of speed," according to the May 15 and 29, 1975, editions of the *Dufferin-Leader*. A week later, Ed Marker and Ernest Seelman, of the Winnipeg Museum of Man and Nature, inspected the landing area and recorded "a high level of radio-activity with a geiger counter."

- June 8. About 1 a.m. Swan River, Manitoba. Three high school students observed a brilliant, orange UFO "soar at great speed across the western sky." The saucer "appeared to veer away from a streak of lightning and disappeared to the south," stated the *Swan River Star & Times*, June 12, 1975.

● July 7. 2:45 a.m. Carman, Manitoba. Mrs. Cornwallis Giesbrecht observed a bell-shaped, orange UFO from her kitchen window. She snapped four photographs of the object during a 20-minute period.

● July 5. 5 p.m. Mt. Pleasant, Ontario. Joseph Borda observed "a shiny dome-shaped object" resting in his field. The sun was reflecting off the UFO. Two days later, Borda discovered a 20-foot in diameter circle of "crushed, burned tobacco plants" at the landing site, according to the July 12, 1975, edition of the Hamilton, Ontario, *Spectator*, and the July 14, 1975, edition of the Simcoe, Ontario, *Reformer*. Many of the plants had shrivelled leaves which "appeared damaged by heat." There were "two patches of a greenish-blue, oily substance inside the circle, about 10 feet apart." Samples of the substance were sent to the provincial attorney general's laboratory in Toronto for analysis.

● July 15. 1:20 a.m. Canboro, Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Koehler and their three children, Doris, Randy and Ron, were sitting on their porch when they spotted a UFO. "It kept turning from white to green and then to red," Mrs. Koehler related in the July 17, 1975, edition of the Welland, Ontario, *Colborne-Tribune*. "I couldn't see any structure because it was dark and it was high in the air... far too high for it to have been an airplane." Mrs. Koehler phoned the police and Ontario Provincial Police Constables Dale Maracle and Ron Fox responded and saw the tri-colored object "bob up and down... for a long time and circle." Mrs. Koehler said that, several times, the UFO looked like it was about to land. It dropped low in the sky, then darted "back up to a much greater altitude." One of the constables reportedly took photographs of the object.

● August 27. Approximately 11:20 p.m. Uxbridge, Ontario. Judy Bishop looked out of her kitchen window and observed a "very bright and very big" light hovering just above the ground about 200 yards from the house, according to the September 4, 1975, edition of the Stouffville, Ontario, *Tribune*. Her dog "started to bark." Judy's sister, Debbie, also saw the UFO.

● October 7. Evening. Bracebridge, Ontario. Robert Suffern saw a dark UFO "sitting in the middle of a gravel road" and a figure "wearing a globe-type helmet and a silvery-gray suit" which he almost hit with his car. "He had very, very wide shoulders which were out of proportion with his body," Suffern remarked in the October 9, 1975, edition of the Toronto *Sun*. The saucer was 12-14 feet in diameter. "I was scared...", Suffern continued. "I really hadn't come to a full stop when [the UFO] went straight up in the air and out of sight." As he returned home, the witness saw the occupant in front of his automobile and braked abruptly, skidding. The creature then jumped over a fence "like he was weightless." From his home, Suffern saw the craft return, "fly around a hydro pole and then disappear."

South America

● September 5. 10 p.m. Itaperuna, Brazil. Adao Charif de Medeiros, Janecy Fernando Lima and Jose Roberto de Sousa Pereira were riding their bicycles when they spotted "a strong luminosity... followed by strange grazing objects," stated the September 10, 1975, editions of the Buenos Aires, Argentina, *Ultima Hora* and *La Razon*. The students were so frightened they hid under a bridge and screamed. They were discovered by Boechat Buri, a rancher. An unidentified witness reportedly photographed the mysterious UFO.

● On or about August 3. Just after midnight. Antofagasta, Chile. Eduardo Lefort and numerous other residents saw a cigarette-shaped UFO that "emitted multi-colored flashes." A strong "chemical" odor was detected as the object apparently landed on top of a hill. "I felt my eyes watering and also a pain in [my] nose," Lefort stated in the August 4, 1975, edition of *La Razon*. Other witnesses reported "the whole area was illuminated [by] a yellow-reddish color." The UFO then headed toward the Pacific Ocean.

● August 4. About 4 a.m. Near Aguas Verdes, Chile. Ricardo Villanueva and his wife, Margarita Ardiles, observed an "intensely bright" disc that apparently landed near their pickup truck. "I accelerated the pickup and, suddenly..., the [UFO], apparently attracted by the car's lights, descended at incredible speed," Villanueva related in *La Razon*, August 7, 1975. "My wife screamed and grasped me... I believe it settled some 30 meters away, by the highway and behind the pickup. I then pushed the accelerator even more, while my wife covered her face. I looked through the rear-vision mirror and was blinded. The UFO

followed us. Then I was really afraid. Really, it was a nightmare. Suddenly, the UFO ascended very fast until turning into a point and then disappearing."

Australia

● July 22. About 8:15 p.m. Kyabram, Victoria. Susan and Dianne Barker and Vicky Schade reported seeing a brilliant light "about four times as big as the evening star." "It followed us all the way to Stanhope, hovering in front of the car and then going out to the side," Susan stated in the *Kyabram Free Press*, July 25, 1975. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barber also saw the UFO. Just before 8:00, Lance Young, of Kyabram, observed the object.

● August 14. Approximately 6:30 p.m. Near Zanthus, West Australia. Henry Lesay and other railway workers observed a large saucer "with flashing lights." The multi-colored UFO "lit up the tops of trees" and looked like it landed. Then, trailing fire and smoke, it reappeared in the sky and headed west. The object was "much bigger than a jumbo jet." The witnesses said the object apparently caused E-M interference to a radio and dogs in the area "went mad," the August 15, 1975, edition of the Perth, West Australia, *News*, reported.

THE BLUE PENCIL TO BLUE BOOK (An Editorial Comment)

Seven AF Reserve (AFR) officers are presently doing a 90-day editing job on Project Blue Book prior to the inclusion of the AF UFO cases in the National Archives Record Service (NARS) in Washington, D.C.

According to reports, "their mission is to delete the identities of persons contacted by field inspectors investigating reports of UFOs more than a decade ago." Witnesses were informed that, though their names were needed for official records, they would be kept confidential. Deletion of the names was a condition imposed by the AF for turning over "four to five bookcases full" of UFO reports to NARS. The AFR officers working on Blue Book are Majors Bruce McCarthy and Chester J. Lowe; Captains Judith Silverman and Robert Meffert; and Second Lieutenants Gary Ferguson, Richard Gaylor and Richard F. Cushman.

We believe NARS is the proper place for the Blue Book reports, which, along with thousands of other sighting cases in individual and group files, could have tremendous historic significance, particularly if undenied ET contact is made. Knowing the history of AF obfuscation, deception, bungling and, at times, outright mendacity in handling the UFO problem over the years, however, we wonder how "sanitized" the reports will be. Ninety days is a long time to just routinely delete witnesses' names. We can only hope that, abiding by the dictum that "something is better than nothing," UFO researchers and the public will benefit.

UFO THEORIES EXPOUNDED (A Book Review)

In order for a UFO book to be published these days, it seems, you have to have a gimmick. In this regard, *The Unidentified*, by Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman, pulls out all the stops. In one small volume, the authors attempt to explain UFOs as just about everything but what the evidence shows they probably are -- ET probes. According to the authors, monsters such as Bigfoot and Momo, innumerable kind and satanic fairies, a secret cult imbued with psychic powers, and altered states of consciousness are responsible for UFOs and UFO sightings. They suspect that Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker, the Pascagoula, Miss., men who were abducted on board a UFO on October 11, 1973, "shared a telepathic dream in which the former acted as sender and the latter as receiver," that other UFO contacts "are hallucinatory trance visions," and advance "*the notion that dangerous, demonic beings dwell under the surface of this or another planet.*" (Italics original). The authors support their theories with case after case of humans cavorting with fairies and paranormal dissertations by psychologists and psychiatrists interested in the UFO phenomenon. Those thousands of cases that obviously do not fit their theories not only go unreported in this book but are even broadly unmentioned.

[Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman, *The Unidentified; Notes Toward Solving the UFO Mystery* (Warner Paperback Library, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10019, 1975), 272 pgs. \$1.50, Bibliography, Index].